

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

June 15, 2009
Monday, 7 p.m.

Council Chambers
Renton City Hall

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Law called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

RANDY CORMAN, Council President; GREG TAYLOR, RICH ZWICKER, TERRI BRIERE, KING PARKER, DON PERSSON, MARCIE PALMER.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

DENIS LAW, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; BONNIE WALTON, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Public Works Administrator; ALEX PIETSCH, Community and Economic Development Administrator; NANCY CARLSON, Human Resources Administrator; MARTY WINE, Assistant CAO; PREETI SHRIDHAR, Communications Director; LYS HORNSBY, Utilities Director; LINDA KNIGHT, Solid Waste Coordinator; FIRE CHIEF/EMERGENCY SERVICES ADMINISTRATOR I. DAVID DANIELS, DEPUTY CHIEF MARK PETERSON and EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR DEBORAH NEEDHAM, Fire Department; COMMANDER DAVID LEIBMAN, Police Department.

PROCLAMATION

Elder Abuse Awareness Day -
June 15, 2009

A proclamation by Mayor Law was read declaring June 15, 2009, to be "Elder Abuse Awareness Day" in the City of Renton and encouraging all citizens to participate in this special observance. MOVED BY BRIERE, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE PROCLAMATION. CARRIED.

Lee Drechsel, Executive Director of Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN), accepted the proclamation with appreciation. She stated that DAWN has been working with victims of domestic abuse for over 30 years and explained how the issue of domestic violence for older victims is very complex.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Solid Waste: Renton Clean
Sweep - Spring Recycle &
Reuse It! Events

Public Works Administrator Gregg Zimmerman introduced Utilities Director Lys Hornsby and Solid Waste Coordinator Linda Knight. He announced that the City was awarded the Washington State Recyclers Association 2009 Recycler of the Year Award for Public Agencies.

Ms. Knight reported that each year the Washington State Recycling Association seeks nominations for outstanding recycling professionals, innovative government administrators, and every-day citizens making a measurable difference in improving recycling vitality and environmental well-being statewide. She remarked that the City received recognition for the curbside collection program and presented the award to Mayor Law.

Ms. Knight reported that all of the City's recycling events have been combined under the umbrella of the Clean Sweep program. She stated that the events are held twice a year, in the spring and fall, and that the spring event was held on 5/9/2009. She reported that a total of 342 vehicles were utilized, and that 109 tons of material was collected. Ms. Knight remarked that the top three items collected were concrete at 56 tons, scrap metal at 18 tons, and wood and bulky yard waste at 16 tons. She pointed out that all of this material will be recycled. She noted other popular items were tires, oil, anti-freeze, and automotive batteries. She commented that at the fall event, occurring on 9/19/2009, block styrofoam will also be accepted.

Ms. Knight reported that the fifth annual Reuse It! Stop and Swap was held on 6/6/2009. She remarked that there were approximately 250 participants and that all the available items were given away at no charge. She stated that items included furniture, hobby equipment, toys, and exercise equipment and that a simple number guessing game was used to give away the more popular items. She also remarked that nearly all the items were taken by customers for reuse.

Continuing, Ms. Knight reported that the next annual curbside clean-up event is scheduled for 6/20/2009. She stated that approximately 20,000 single-family residential customers are eligible to participate in the event. She emphasized that the items left at the curbside for pick-up will be sent to a landfill and will not be recycled. She pointed out that there are several local charities willing to accept recyclable materials.

Responding to Council inquiries, Ms. Knight reported that the items left over from the Reuse It! Stop and Swap event were either recycled or sent to a landfill. She stated that the curbside clean-up event is only available for single-family residential customers, but noted that any piles of trash left on the street will be picked up if visible. Ms. Knight explained that televisions and computers are not eligible for pick up but can be recycled for free at most charitable organizations. She also explained that customers need to call their waste hauler to schedule a pick-up date for major appliances. Ms. Knight confirmed that when citizens purchase tires a fee is applied to recycle the old tires and that citizens should give their old tires back to the tire company for recycling.

Councilmember Palmer requested that the Public Works Department give notice to Waste Management informing them that the Kennydale Neighborhood Association is conducting their annual garage sale at the same time as the curbside clean-up event. She explained that there will be numerous vehicles parked along the streets and that the garbage trucks may have difficulty navigating through the neighborhood.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Fire: Fire Response at 232
Wells Ave S

Mayor Law reported that a fire occurred downtown at 232 Wells Ave. S. on 6/11/2009. He expressed appreciation for the Fire and Emergency Services Department and the other King County Fire Departments who kept the event from turning tragic and who also managed to contain the fire to one building.

Chief Daniels reported that the initial call was received at 7:11 pm with the first units arriving at 7:14 p.m. He stated that when the first units arrived they found one person that needed immediate rescue and that multiple searches were conducted in an attempt to locate additional victims. He remarked that after the third alarm was raised even more resources were requested eventually equating to a five-alarm fire. Chief Daniels credited Deputy Chief Mark Peterson for doing an exceptional job managing the event and reported that it took nearly three hours to extinguish the fire. He stated that 19 engine companies, five ladder trucks, seven chief officers, including the Battalion Chiefs from Seattle, Sea-Tac, and Tukwila, and 12 support units, totaling 119 personnel, helped fight the fire.

Chief Daniels stated that emphasis was made to save the buildings located on either side of the building that was on fire, and to keep the fire from spreading to the basement. He reported that the cause of the fire was daisy-chained surge protectors that overloaded an electrical outlet. Concluding, he thanked City departments, his staff, and outside agencies that helped extinguish the fire.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Peterson -
Lawsuit Dismissal

Inez Peterson (Renton) shared her past experience regarding a legal matter, noting that the lawsuit was dismissed as “frivolous”. She also shared that she is currently in law school and is looking forward to becoming licensed to practice law.

Citizen Comment: McOmber -
Sidewalk Repairs & Townhall
Style Meeting in Renton
Highlands

Howard McOmber (Renton) displayed photographs depicting a sidewalk before and after it had been repaired by the Public Works Department. He expressed appreciation for the City’s quick response repairing the sidewalk, noting that it is now safer to walk on. Noting that there are many improvements to be made, he also requested a townhall style meeting be held in the Renton Highlands to afford citizens an opportunity to communicate with City officials and staff.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items listed on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. Mayor Law removed Item 7.h. from consideration.

Council Meeting Minutes of
6/8/2009

Approval of Council Meeting minutes of 6/8/2009. Council concur.

AJLS: Create Communications
Division

Administrative, Judicial, and Legal Services Department recommended approval to create a Communications Division, relocate positions from other departments, and to transition management of Renton Channel 21 production and programming to the new division to streamline communication efforts. Refer to Finance Committee.

CAG: 09-087, Runway 15/33
Resurfacing, Icon Materials

City Clerk reported bid opening on 5/21/2009 for CAG-09-087, Runway 15/33 Resurfacing; three bids; engineer’s estimate \$5,193,044.44; and submitted staff recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Icon Materials, in the amount of \$3,792,826.01. Council concur.

CED: Sunset Area Community
Investment Strategy, Mithun

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of a contract in the amount of \$65,000 with Mithun for development of the Sunset Area Community Investment Strategy. Refer to Planning and Development Committee.

CED: The Landing Parking
Garage, Transwestern Harvest
Lakeshore

Community and Economic Development Department recommended approval of an addendum to the Parking Garage Agreement for The Landing, with Transwestern Harvest Lakeshore, LLC, to reduce the purchase price and to modify the terms and conditions of the agreement. Council concur.

Budget: 2009 Amendments

Finance and Information Services Department recommended adoption of the 2009 Budget amendment ordinance, which decreases the 2009 Budget by \$7,611,289. Refer to Finance Committee.

Finance: Cellular Wireless
Voice Communications, Sprint
Solutions

Finance and Information Services Department recommended approval of a contract in the approximate amount of \$80,000 with Sprint Solutions, Inc. for city-wide cellular wireless voice communications. Council concur.

~~Police: Domestic Violence
Advocacy Program, Edward
Byrne Memorial Justice
Assistance Grant~~

~~Police Department requested authorization to submit a grant application and accept funds in the amount of \$40,096 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to help fund the Domestic Violence Victim Advocate program. Council concur.~~

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA MINUS ITEM 7.h. CARRIED.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS
Finance Committee

Finance: Vouchers

Finance Committee Chair Persson presented a report recommending approval of Claim Vouchers 283693 - 284124 and one wire transfer totaling \$2,998,594.12; and approval of 130 Payroll Vouchers, one wire transfer, and 813 direct deposits totaling \$2,653,653.94. MOVED BY PERSSON, SECONDED BY TAYLOR, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES**ORDINANCE #5463**

SAD: Baxter Lift Station Replacement

The following ordinance was presented for second and final reading and adoption:

An ordinance was read establishing a special assessment district for sanitary sewer service for properties benefitting from the Baxter Lift Station Replacement and establishing the amount of the charge upon connection to the facilities. MOVED BY ZWICKER, SECONDED BY BRIERE, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS READ. ROLL CALL. ALL AYES. CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

WSDOT: I-405 Managed Lanes

Council President Corman announced that he had attended the first meeting on I-405 Managed Lanes and will be attending three additional sessions. He remarked that he is curious to know what other Councilmembers think of having toll lanes on I-405. (See later this page for more information regarding this topic.)

Transportation: I-405, I-5 to SR 169 Stage 2 - Widening and SR 515 Interchange Projects

Councilmember Persson announced that an administrative hearing regarding a noise variance requested by the contractor involved with the I-405, I-5 to SR 169 Stage 2 - Widening and SR 515 Interchange Projects will be conducted on 6/25/2009. He noted that the hearing does not involve Council and emphasized that anyone interested in providing input should attend. He commented that the noise variance is for 383 days of working at night.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Mitchell - Various

Thomas Mitchell (Renton) expressed concern regarding the appearance of a four-plex located in the vicinity of S. Eagle Ridge Dr., the safety of pedestrians who walk along Benson Rd. S., children skateboarding on City sidewalks along Benson Rd. S. and Talbot Rd. S., and the amount of time it takes the City to remove stalled cars from Benson Rd. S.

MOVED BY TAYLOR, SECONDED BY PERSSON, COUNCIL REFER EXPLORING THE ISSUE OF SKATEBOARDING ON CITY SIDEWALKS TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Mayor Law recommended that Mr. Mitchell speak to Community and Economic Development Administrator Pietsch regarding the code enforcement issues with the four-plex.

Citizen Comment: Peterson - I-405 Managed Lanes, WSDOT

Inez Peterson (Renton) questioned the feasibility of toll booths in this area, noting that there is not as much room to enter and exit toll booths as there is in other cities.

Council President Corman explained how technology can be used that eliminates the need for toll booths.

EXECUTIVE SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PALMER, COUNCIL RECESS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR APPROXIMATELY 20 MINUTES TO DISCUSS LABOR NEGOTIATIONS (RCW 42.30.140.4.a.) WITH NO OFFICIAL ACTION TO BE TAKEN AND THAT THE COUNCIL MEETING BE ADJOURNED WHEN THE EXECUTIVE SESSION IS ADJOURNED. CARRIED. Time: 7:54 p.m.

Executive session was conducted. In addition to Councilmembers and Mayor, persons in attendance included Chief Administrative Officer Covington and Human Resources Administrator Carlson. There was no action taken. The executive session and the Council meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Bonnie I. Walton, CMC, City Clerk